

Green Team (GT) Mtg Notes, May 19, 2011 --Thanks everyone.

Attendees— Carmen Holtzman, Susan Amarello, Kevin Sullivan, KC Alexander, Kim Trella , Mary Sherwin, Judy Prill, Connie Mendolia, Nan Peckham, Judy Belaval, Terry Parker, Robin Bennett, Tom Oulette, Pauline Blackstone, Mark Latham, Katie Dagon, Shane Mulready, Rosa Bailey, Diane Foberg, Jim Creighton, Bob Kaliszewski, Roslynn Grzywinski, Alanna Scheinerman

Commissioner Esty attended the first part of the meeting and was introduced to members of the GT and a brief overview of the GT (GT webpage w/ Mission Statement, & DEP Webpage w What the DEP has done to Green the office). His comments on GT / Energy Conservation Plan:

- “be a model of sustainability”
- Inwardly focused, makes sense to DEP but needs to connect to rest of state government agencies – Need to EXCITE OTHERS To Green / Be Sustainable.
- Two websites, internal and external - Call external SUSTAINABILITY rather than P2, so it can be found easily. Include Short and Long term
- Make it easier, more user-friendly – web, recycling
- Aim for “five easy steps”, “first thing to do”, that sort of thing.
- 1.) Biggest paybacks, 2.) Easiest to do, 3.) Trickier, needs attitude change
- He wants to “cheerlead”; will provide copy of his Green to Gold Playbook.
- Going Green Makes Sen\$e Event - he will do Opening Remarks; provide him with some bullets, take-always on What’s been done at DEP that we are proud of; what are the challenges...

Keith Hill, Air management/ Compliance Analysis and Coordination Unit gave a presentation on the outreach efforts his division is involved in:

- Electronic Reporting from the regulatory community is now underway for some Air programs (i.e., TitleV, GPLPE); in the future CEM, stack test and permit applications will also be electronic.
- In the Performance Partnership agreement btwn EPA and DEP, CT agreed to assist with outreach activities for area sources MACTS...
- Compliance assistance – manual/ software (fact sheets)
- DEP is training local health districts on visible emissions, odor, wood smoke, etc.
- DEP outreach materials include signs and posters (Burn Wise, Do Not Idle...)

Judy Belaval, Recycling unit presented information on recycling rates at 79 Elm St. In 2010, we recycled approximately 72% of the waste generated, reduced GHG emissions by 44.3 metric tons of carbon equivalents (MTCE) in a one year period and saved 333.73 Million BTUs of energy.

We heard a story from Roz G. about losing her keys and having to look through about 10 bags of DEP trash. Keys not found, but unfortunately there were many bottles, cans and food waste mixed in with trash, which should have been recycled or composted. DEP staff can use a reminder about recycling, composting!

Presentations will be posted on the Green Team website -

<http://www.ct.gov/insidedep/cwp/view.asp?a=3644&q=465898>